

PART ONE

The Ghost Ship Mary Celeste

Before you read



1 Listening

Part One tells us the strange story of a ship called the *Mary Celeste*. Listen to the beginning of Part One. Choose the correct picture and put an (x) in the box above it.

- 1 Captain Morehouse saw a dark spot on the horizon. What was it?

A ☐



B ☐



C ☐

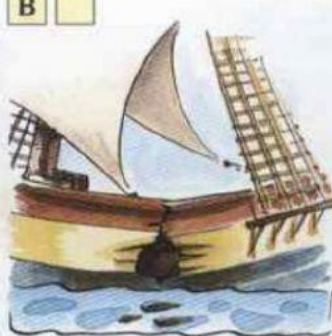


- 2 What accident happened to the *Amazon* after its first voyage?

A ☐



B ☐



C ☐



- 3 How many sailors were there on the *Mary Celeste*?

A ☐



B ☐



C ☐



4 Besides the other sailors, who was on the ship with Captain Briggs?

A ☐



B ☐



C ☐



5 What was the destination of the *Mary Celeste*?

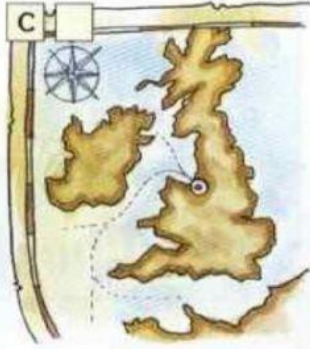
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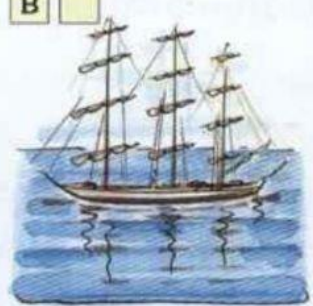


6 What was the weather like during the first fifteen days?

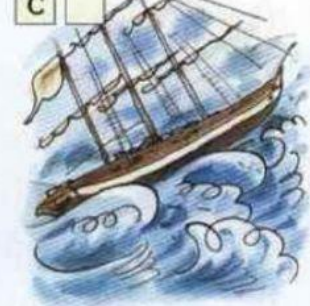
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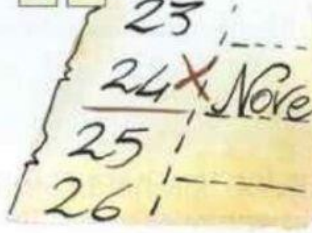


7 When did Captain Briggs write in his log book about the island of Santa Maria?

A ☐



B ☐



C ☐





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PET 1 Comprehension

Look at the statements below about the *Mary Celeste*. Decide if each statement is correct or incorrect. If it is correct, mark A. If it is not correct, mark B.

- 1 The *Mary Celeste* sailed for 370 nautical miles without a navigator.
- 2 The *Mary Celeste* was always an unlucky ship.
- 3 It was difficult to find sailors for the *Mary Celeste*.
- 4 Ships going towards the Strait of Gibraltar normally sailed north of the Azores.
- 5 The sailors of the *Dei Gratia* were surprised because there was nobody on the *Mary Celeste*.
- 6 The British authorities thought that pirates had taken over the ship.
- 7 Some of the barrels of alcohol were empty.
- 8 Not many books were written about the *Mary Celeste*.
- 9 The Acoustics Division of the US Naval Research Laboratory believes that a seaquake hit the *Mary Celeste*.